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Filed: March 17, 1999 Examiner: Ngoc Yen T. VU
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ADJUSTING IMAGE BRIGHTNESS
BASED ON COLOR SATURATION COMPONENTS (as amended)

REPLY UNDER RULE 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 22, 2004

Sir:

the following preliminary remarks are respectfully
submitted in connection with the above-identified application as
follows.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present
application are respectfully requested in view of the following
remarks. In this Request for Continued Examiner, Applicant has
requested that the Rule 116 Reply filed on October 30, 2003 be
entered. After the entry of Rule 116 Reply, claims 1-24 are
pending. Claims 1, 3, 5, and 13 are independent.

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ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants appreciate that claims 2, 4, 6-12, and 14-20 are indicated to define allowable subject matter.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative on November 25, 2003. As the Examiner indicated during the interview, the amendments to the claims overcome all rejections and objections of record.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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